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	10/775,306	CARRIGAN ET AL.	
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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *13 July 2009*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-19* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-19* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☒ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-2,6-13,17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamapapur et al. (6,738,100 B2) in view of Carrie (5,175,805).

As to claims 1,12 Hamapapur et al. teaches a method and system of capturing a new video frame generated by computer, wherein said new video frame comprises a series of new frame pixels to be captured, which series includes an initial new frame pixel to be captured and a final new frame pixel to be captured, the new frame pixels to be captured being represented in a video signal, the method comprising the steps ,of, beginning with the initial new frame pixel (fig. 5, item 232,col. 3, lines 31-49, col. 7, lines 29-40 and col. 8, lines 33-41):

(A) receiving for comparison a new frame pixel from series (fig. 5, item 232,col. 3, lines 31-49, col. 7, lines 29-40 and col. 8, lines 33-41).

Hamapapur et al. does not disclose

(B) comparing the new frame pixel to a corresponding reference frame pixel; then

(C) if the final new frame pixel has not been captured, repeating steps A and B for the next new frame pixel in the series.

Carrie teaches

(B) comparing the new frame pixel to a corresponding reference frame pixel (fig. 2, item 210, col. 5, lines 7-14); then

(C) if the final new frame pixel has not been captured, repeating steps A and B for the next new frame pixel in the series (fig. 2, item 470,475, col. 6, lines 47-49).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate teachings of Carrie into Hamapapur et al. system in order to efficiently use the memory (col. 2, lines 7-11 in the Carrie reference).

Notice that references to target and remote computer are in preambles and show intended use. The recitation relating to target and remote computer has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951).

As to claims 2,6,13,17 Hamapapur et al. teaches step B comprises the steps of determining if said new frame pixel is different from said corresponding reference frame pixel, and, if said new frame pixel is different from said corresponding reference frame pixel, flagging a new frame update unit corresponding to said new frame pixel if said corresponding new frame update unit has not already been flagged (fig. 5, item 242,col. 7, lines 61-64).

As to claims 7-11 Hamapapur et al. teaches the step of storing the new frame pixel in a new frame storage location, wherein the storing step is timed to permit comparison between the new frame pixel and the corresponding reference frame pixel (fig. 5, items 228,232,246 col. 7, lines 8-40).

2. Claims 3,14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamapapur et al., Carrie in view of Schneider et al. (6,539,418 B2).

As to claims 3,14 Hamapapur et al., Carrie do not disclose the step of converting each new frame pixel from analog to digital before said new frame pixel is received.

Schneider et al. teaches converting each new frame pixel from analog to digital before said new frame pixel is received (fig. 6, item 705, col. 9, lines 53-67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate teachings of incorporate teachings of Schneider et al. into Hamapapur et al., Carrie system in order to control of a remote computer (col. 2, lines 42-44 in the Schneider et al. reference).

As to claims 15-16 Schneider et al. teaches a programmable gate array and synchronous dynamic random access memory (col. 4, lines 18-48).

3. Claims 4-5,18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamapapur et al., Carrie in view of Sano (7,308,147 B2).

As to claims 4,18 Hamapapur et al., Carrie do not disclose a tile representing a plurality of pixels.

Sano teaches a tile representing a plurality of pixels (fig. 2, item 112, col. 5, lines 38-52).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate teachings of incorporate teachings of Sano into Hamapapur et al., Carrie system in order to simplify data processing.

As to claims 5,19, it generally considered to be within the ordinary skill in the art to adjust, vary, select or optimize the numerical parameters or values of any system absent of showing criticality of in a particular recited value. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to interchange value the tile size. Such a limitation would have been considered as obvious variation on the matter of selected tile sizes which fails patentably distinguish over the prior art of Bowman et al. and Yates et al. and Jones. In re Rose, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Telephone inquire

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid Shapiro whose telephone number is 571-272-7683. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on 571-272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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